

## FROSTBITE SOCIETY

Concluding their 1974-75 season, The Frostbite Society held its annual meeting at the home of Commodore Terry Keleher. The Commodore called the meeting to order and the secretary read minutes from the previous meeting to the yawning and snoring of the membership.

The treasurer's report was somewhat shorter but no less boring except possibly when certain astute members questioned some of the expenditures shown in the very fine print. All questioning ceased however, when it was learned that the net worth of the Society had increased which has caused a considerable undercurrent of interest and speculation throughout the financial community.

Commodore Keleher summarized highlights of the past season. He noted that the average size of the fleet and the total number of races sailed had increased significantly over the previous year. He attributed this to the basic masochistic tendencies of human nature, citing that during an

economic depression, cold, wet weather makes one feel good.

Other highlights included the record breaking performance of D. Collins with not less than 5 capsizes and a total of 94 minutes spent in the water; B. Bazley's record of 5 dsq's in a single day; F. Driver's appearance on the cover of *Sail Magazine* (that's a biggy); P. Drummey's finding the smallest person in the world for a crew; and not to be forgotten, J. Walsh's record string of 27 consecutive last places.

### Looking Ahead

Leaving nostalgia behind, the floor was opened for old business. The Commodore reminded various members that they were chairmen of various committees which were responsible for various pieces of old business. With this done, all old business was sent back to the various committees for further investigation. The floor was then open for the election of officers.

In the race for Commodore, Bazley challenged the incumbent, promising better weather, weaker competition and a computerized handicap system guaranteeing victory for all participants. He was soundly defeated by Keleher, who ran on a platform promising a 6-pack in every boat. Disregarding the anguish of defeat, Bazley staged a comeback and was elected vice commodore. Other key posts were won by the incumbents D. Collins as treasurer and J. Walsh as secretary. Finally, in a bitter and bloody battle involving a slate of not more than 100 candidates, T. Jones, B. McLaughlin and R. Hutchinson were elected to the board of governors.

Wounds suffered during the election were quickly healed for the presentation of the year's trophies. Terry Keleher won the Fitzgibbons trophy for the best average for the season (an outstanding 7 percent). Second place went to P. Drummey. The wounds of the election were quickly reopened when D. Collins challenged M. Dewire's unique scoring system used to determine the third place winner. The question has been referred to a special committee for resolution within the decade.

Terry also won the Arthur Leita trophy for most total points during the season; J. Clark Jr. won the mono-type trophy; and D. Collins won the most improved skipper award.

The vocal majority, made up of non-trophy winners, voted an 80 percent increase in the number of awards to be presented next year. It was reasoned that the added expenses would be offset by the revenue generated through the influx of new dues paying members, which the program is expected to attract. After signing the bill and passing out ballpoint pens, T. Keleher addressed the press, inviting all those interested in winter sailing to join the Frostbite Society for what promises to be a bigger and better season next year.

The meeting adjourned, and the weary but dauntless sailors of the Frostbite Society drifted homeward to hibernate during the off season and dream of future triumphs. -- The Scribe